Johnson Says

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Washington, Fcb. 29-President Johnson disclosed today that the United States is testflying a new 2,000-mile-an-hour, super-altitude warplane with a performance far exceeding that of any existing aircraft in the

The President disclosed further at a news conference that development of this long-range interceptor plane has been underway in secrecy since 1959.

He said technical data obtained from the new military; plane will be applied to the forthcoming development of the supersonic commercial transport plane. A survey and report of 70,000 feet. on the transport plane development will be made public next Monday.

Responses to Questions

sponse to news conference questions that:

1. South Viet Nam continues to be "a very difficult situa- craft . . . has been made pos- plane los a single jet engine or tion," but reports that the sible by major advances in is made and a red, or the size of United States-supported war against the Communists in that

Asian nation has "gone to pot" are unfounded.

2. He will appoint William P. Bundy assistant secretary of state for far castern affairs. Bundy is now assistant secresecurity affairs.

3. The Senate is considering forma. "the possible political impact" | The chief executive said the Amarican recovery of the Bobby Baker case and A-11 project was started in open than is a sufficient is certain to take "proper 1959. He said he was lifting the an war.

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look for eventually easing international tensions and co-! existing peacefully with Russia.

3 Times Speed of Sound

at the beginning of his press' conference that the United States has successfully devel- by condition reducts. oped an advanced, experimental jet military plane-designated the A-11—which has been tested in sustained flight at a several sit force base to despeed of more than 2,000 miles formine the reappbilities as an hour at altitudes in excess long range interceptors.

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Johnson also said today in re A-11 far exceeds that of any nuclear bombs. other aircraft in the world altho profile photographs of the today," the President said. A-11 were made public - de-"The development of this air, clined to disclose whether the

aircraft technology of great significance to both military and commercial application."

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